

1 All of those mentioned are contaminated by coal dust
2 and the recent spills, not just now but previously, and
3 those that will continue to happen. Three years, people,
4 that's too long to wait. You know, we need that cease
5 now. And I ask the ceasing of coal mining and the
6 transport across our lands.

7 The Wyoming people, I appreciate you coming this way
8 and wanting to talk about your making a living, but I
9 must say you cannot do it on the backs of our tribal
10 people or on the backs of all of us who live along the
11 Columbia, and for our land, the Deschutes River.

12 The testing is proven, the documentation is there,
13 the other people that speak of this, you know, that it
14 definitely is a negative. So we are stewards of the
15 lands. We waste not, want not. I strongly object to
16 coal transport due to contamination of the air, land, and
17 water, the negative impacts, coal dust, noise effect, the
18 water, a special concern as we're saying, you know, we're
19 here to set an example, the responsibility of family,
20 tribal elders to teach gathering and care of our revered
21 ceremonial traditional foods, our salmon, deer, elk,
22 roots, the chokecherries and the berries that are in our
23 traditional lineup of gatherings. Thank you very much.

24 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon. My name
25 is Janice Smith and I am here representing my

1 grandchildren, my great-grandchildren. I have 19
2 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and they cannot be
3 here today, but I am their voice and I am also the voice
4 for the elders, for senior citizens, because, you know,
5 I'm here to prevent mining, transporting, burning of
6 coal, a fossil fuel, coal is mercury, arsenic and lead.
7 What does that indicate?

8 Coal burned in China, the winds in the Northwest
9 have carried the mercury, nitrous and ox- -- sulphur
10 oxides to the Northwest, which is us. That is just an
11 example of what coal does because these emissions have
12 impacted our fish, our livestock, our animals, our plant
13 species that we consume today.

14 And as we have heard that Natives, we are food
15 gatherers. Not only are we consumers, but we are food
16 gatherers and the plants that you may see and consider
17 weeds are food to us. And berries, the berries, all
18 these foods we talked about, the berries, the roots, they
19 are all traditional food. These are foods that our
20 ancestors have eaten for generations.

21 And we want to talk about generations, I'm a fourth
22 generation veteran. I'm a fourth generation fisherman.
23 And I'm a third generation food gatherer. And
24 generations to me means longevity, and longevity. If
25 coal persists, we will not have any generations because I

1 feel fortunate because I do have a great granddaughter.

2 I never thought that I would live this long to see
3 great-grandchildren. But we have coal trains moving
4 through our fishing places. Sherars Bridge is an
5 example. This is our seated area of customary fishing
6 and the fish we catch is shared with family members and
7 the members of community.

8 There are increased number of coal trains and
9 potential accidents and injuries increases the risk for a
10 derailment and coal spills and the risk of coal fires,
11 the response of the emergency personnel and to have the
12 emergency personnel qualified to respond and to escalate
13 and contain avoid spillage into our waterways.

14 And also, I am a retired teacher. I am a retired
15 teacher of preschool children. I have seen the evidence
16 of coal in these young infants and adolescents. They are
17 at risk. There is increase of respiratory-related
18 illnesses such as asthma, RSV, too numerous, numerous
19 illnesses.

20 And also I'm a senior citizen. I am 70 years old.
21 Our senior citizens have chronic bronchitis, emphysema,
22 COPD, pulmonary fibrosis are indicators of coal dust in
23 our systems.

24 So a lot of fish that are caught in the Columbia are
25 our -- for our substance use, our traditional customs,

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1 ceremonies such as First Food feasts and for funerals,
2 memorials and name giving, these are just some of the
3 ceremonies that we utilize our fish for, but these are
4 being compromised today. So I implore you, please let us
5 stop the coal trains today.

6 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

7 MR. SUPPALI: [Speaking in Native
8 language.] Good afternoon. My name is Delson Suppali.
9 I'm a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,
10 the Warm Springs Tribe.

11 We are all one, all made by the same maker and must
12 share all his creation equally. You are ordained to
13 uphold the stewardship of our Mother Earth. We are
14 counting on you to wake up and hear her crying.

15 You hear her crying through the research that has
16 been brought forth to you. Would you let your mother cry
17 in pain and know that she's going to die and you continue
18 to put pain to her? Would you do that?

19 You answer that question and that's an easy answer
20 to what we need to do with coal and oil and any other
21 contamination that is harmful to all life. Money isn't a
22 priority. It's a manmade product and the world has taken
23 it on and puts it out in front of life. Life is not --
24 if I ask you how much you were worth, what would you say?

25 I've heard a lot of testimony about money and jobs